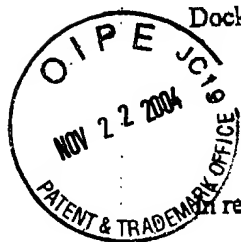


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In response to the Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Transmittal mailed August 20, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following Comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104(e), reasons for allowance are intended only as a supplement to the "record as a whole" when that record is not clear and shall not be treated as a substitute for the record in a manner inconsistent with the record. Therefore, Applicant accepts the Examiner's reasons only to the extent that they are consistent with the record as a whole and do not accept any claim interpretation that is broader or narrower than that afforded by the record as a whole prior to the Examiner's statement for reasons for allowance. As to all claims for which the basis

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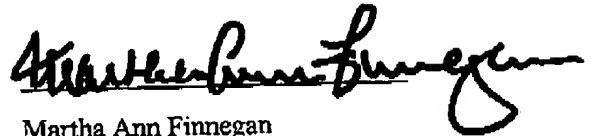
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of allowance is otherwise clear from the record, no further limitation can be inferred from the

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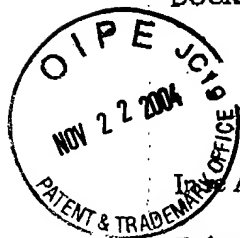
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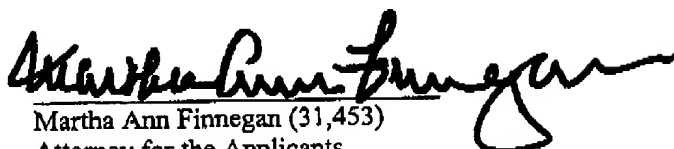
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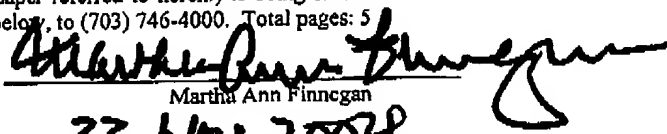
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